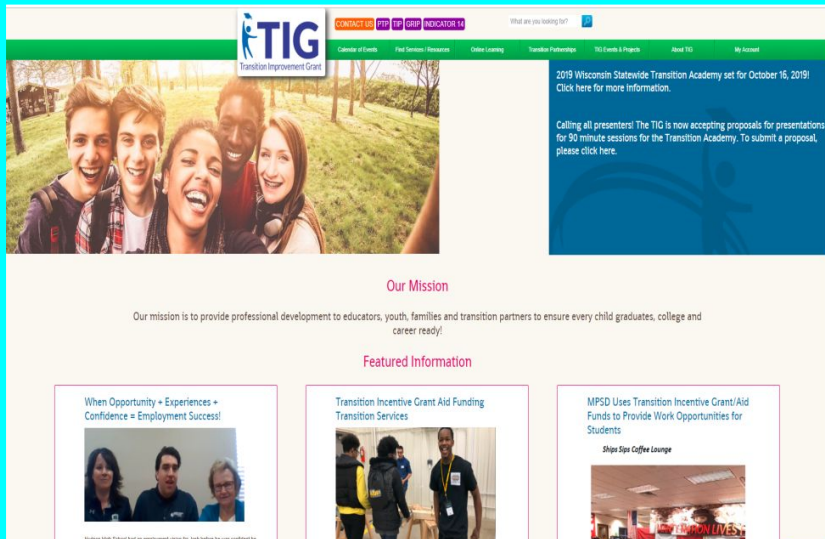


FACETS Graduation Webinar



**A Team Approach to Graduation:
Tools to Improve the Graduation Rate of
Students with Disabilities**

Transition Improvement Grant (TIG)



Our mission is to provide professional development to educators, youth, families, and transition partners to ensure every child graduates college and career ready!



Why do Graduation Rates Matter?

Students who do not graduate from high school:

- **lower rates of employment**
- **lower incomes**
- **higher incarceration**



What if Graduation increased by 1%

Increasing our graduation rate by just 1% could mean:

- 50 new jobs
- Increased \$12.4 million in earnings
- Increased \$2 million in Federal Tax revenue
- Increased \$960,00 in State and Local Tax revenue
- Increased \$16.6 million savings on healthcare
- Increased \$9.4 million in spending



THE
GraduationEffect
ALLIANCE FOR EXCELLENT EDUCATION



Research Shows Us Early Indicators

- Dropping out is a process not an event.
- Early predictors can be identified as early as 6th grade
- Early discussion leads to critical interventions.

Teams should work together to support students

*Teams include: Families, Students, Teachers, Administrators,
and Support Staff*



Early Indicators

- **Engagement**
Attendance
- **Behavior**
Days removed from school
Referrals, Suspensions, Expulsions
- **Course Performance and Academic Achievement**
Number of passing courses
Performance on Statewide Assessments



DPI Dropout Early Warning System

- Students can't learn if they are not in school.
- Students can't learn if they are not connected.

Mobility

Low: 0 school changes

Moderate: 1 school change in previous year

High: 2+ school changes in previous year

Discipline

Low: 0-.5 suspension days

Moderate: .5-3 suspension days

High: 3+ suspension days

Attendance

Low: Miss 12 or less days

Moderate: 12.5-20 absences

High: 20+ absences

Academic Achievement

Performance on Statewide Assessments

Different than cut scores

Comparison to their peers



Team Approach in Supporting Graduation Rates

Excellent	Promising
Career Development/Job Training	Work Based Learning
 Family Engagement	School/Classroom Environment
Mentoring	Service Learning
Behavioral Interventions	Health and Wellness
Literacy Development	



Why Is Family Engagement Important

- **Greater family involvement=Greater Student Achievement**
- **Increased Attendance, Behavior, Grades**
- **Increased Graduation Rate**
- **Increased Enrollment in Postsecondary Education**
- **Greater Involvement in Middle School + High School=Better Transitions, More Realistic Future Goals!**



Transition Improvement Grant



What Can WE Do?

Climate

Communication



Relationships

Engagement in Learning



Setting a Climate for Learning

Families

- Are you setting routines for learning at home?
- Are you being a role model for learning?
- Does your child see you learning new things?

Schools

- Is your learning environment welcoming?
- Are you supporting learning at home?
- Have you asked parents how they would like to be engaged?



Strong and Effective Communication

Families

- Do you ask your child questions about their schoolwork?
- Do you use open ended questions when talking to your child about school?
- Do you reach out to school staff when you feel you are not being heard?

Schools

- Does your communication employ multiple forms?
- Does your communication provide a means to build rapport and relationships?
- Assess, is it regular, purposeful, and effective?



Building Relationships

Families

- Do you build learning relationships with your child?
- Do you recognize yourself as an important teacher?
- Do you take advantage of learning opportunities at school?

Schools

- Do you recognize and support differing levels of parental involvement?
- Do you acknowledge that parents know their child best?
- Do you create multiple opportunities for parents to feel successful?



Engagement in Learning

Families	Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Do you determine how to best engage parents on a person by person basis?-How do you support parents who need ideas on engaging their child in education?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Do you provide experiences for your child that support learning?-Do you take advantage of sharing and learning in everyday routines with your child?



TIG Resources



WiGRIP

Improving Outcomes Through Planning and Implementing



Graduation Rate Improvement Plan: Research Support and Resources



Overview

The Graduation Rate Improvement Plan: Research Support and Resources guide is designed to be an interactive tool that provides teams access to updated research relating to dropout prevention as well as direct access to evidence based practices, applicable tools, and examples from the field.



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